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LINCOLN

Chief of Station, Guatemala []

KUGOWN Operational Report - ESSENCE

The information contained in paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of the attached
RAZMARA/ESSENCE contact report was passed to SEMANTIC for investigation and
action.

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Attachment: one report

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25 May 1954

SUBJECT: Meeting Between CARTER and ALBERTO

1. A meeting occurred between Oscar H. CARTER and ALBERTO on Tuesday morning, 25 May.

2. A report brought in from Puerto Barrios states that Sunday night shooting erupted in the streets of the town, to the extent that the inhabitants imagined a state of war existed. This shooting possibly resulted when an aroused group of townsmen seized a machine gun from an army officer. Tention is still running high in the city, and the streets are very heavily patrolled by soldiers.

3. CARTER requests that our files and/or ANABELA be checked to see if the governor of [] is working with the group. Reports received by CARTER indicate that this man is willing to work with the opposition, and there is in Guatemala City a person who can make the contact. CARTER does not wish to make such a contact if the governor is already counted among our files. This contact must be made no later than tonight, as the governor is returning to [] tomorrow, after having attended the meeting called by Arbenz for yesterday afternoon of the departmental governors.

4. The parish priest of Mita (name unknown) [] has sent a commission to Guatemala City bearing an S.O.D. for help. A government order was received by the agraristas this past week-end, stating that an airplane flying low over Mita would be the signal for all agraristas to unite and attack and kill all the anti-Communists in Mita. There are some 30 active anti-Communists in Mita, but a great fear has spread among them all. They are

completely unarmed and defenseless. The priest's S.O.S. is that arms be sent immediately. This information should be forwarded to ANABELA.

5. [] (nickname []), who has a finca in the San José area, and who is active and determined in the group (CARTER states more so than most men), sent word that she has 80 men in San José ready for any action, and they are prepared to burn the Base militar in San José. However, here again arms are lacking and [] urgently requests that arms be sent, and would particularly like to have two machine guns included. This information is also to be passed along to ANABELA.

6. An army officer (name unknown) stated that in the recently arrived shipment of arms were six fast, light tanks (he personally saw two of them), and six airplanes, Spitfire.

7. Arbenz had a reunion yesterday with all the chiefs of the military units (jefes de cuerpos militares). In the afternoon he called together all the governors of the departments for a reunion. Purpose of these reunions not known.

8. The next meeting between CARTER and ALBERTO is scheduled for Tuesday night, 25 May.

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ALBERTO